

Brothers to File Suit for Beach Police Brutality



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Mate Held in 'Bullfight' Stabbing of Love Rival

Brutality Suits to Be Filed

Asserting they were victims of police brutality, two Torrance brothers will file a \$500,000 damage suit against Long Beach.

Richard Johnson, 26, and his brother, Donald, 24, of 22113 Redbeam ave., and a friend, Richard Tardaguila, 25, of Gardena, said they were beaten by burly vice squad officers in a parking lot and in the police station of the beach city, June 1.

Richard Johnson, an electrician, said that he was bodily removed from a bar by a policeman, and all three of them were beaten in the parking lot.

He stated that the incident started when he and Tardaguila joined his brother in the bar and took pictures of Donald's wife, for use in a divorce suit.

Grab Camera

Richard Johnson said that the trio was sitting at a table, when suddenly a man attempted to grab his camera. When Johnson held on to the camera, the older man later identified as a Long Beach vice officer, dragged him outside.

While another officer held him, the first one hit him in the stomach, Richard Johnson claimed.

He said that Tardaguila, who is taking a police science course in order to become a policeman himself, was struck eight times in the police station, and Donald was hit hard enough to require five stitches.

Taken into Custody
All three were booked on drunk and disorderly charges. A jury acquitted them of the drunk charges after a physician testified that Donald, whom he treated, was not intoxicated, but was fined \$100 each for disorderly conduct.

Richard Johnson claims that the disorderly conduct charge arose from a city ordinance prohibiting taking flash bulb pictures in a public place without a fire permit.

"We were all born in Long Beach, and always thought it was a nice city," Richard Johnson said.

He added that none of the policemen were in uniform and did not identify themselves as officers until they got into the police car.

New Bids Called for South High

Bids on revised specifications for additions at South High School will be received Sept. 5 by the Board of Education.

Bids received last month were rejected as too high, even without the athletic stadium. The low bid at the time was \$1,945,000.

With the lopping off of the stadium, a saving of at least \$200,000 is expected.

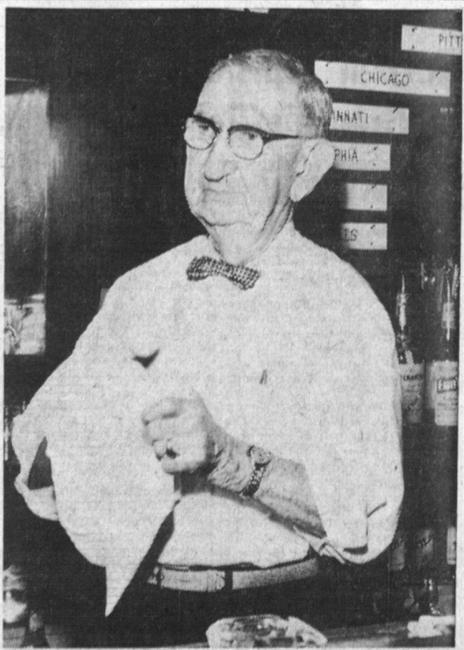
At the time the previous bids were opened, S. E. Waldrip, assistant superintendent, said that if the contract were approved, it might strip the district of funds for construction of additions at North High School.

Cooking on All Four Burners With Press Ad

With all the calls she got, Barbara Brown, of 20916 Avis ave., could well afford to wait until she got the right price for her O'Keefe and Merritt range.

She said that after her classified ad appeared in the Torrance Press last Sunday, she received numerous calls and was able to sell the range which included four burners, grill, oven and broiler oven, for \$50.

If you have something to sell, buy or rent, call the Torrance Press at FA 8-2345 for a courteous ad-taker to help you with your needs and fast results.



CLAIMS TITLE—Oscar (Boney) Vurpillat, who at 84 is believed to be the oldest working bartender, polishes glass in anticipation of a huge birthday party at the Sports Club today.

Oldest Bartender Celebrates 84th Birthday With Party

Oscar Vurpillat, affectionately known to his countless friends as "Boney" is 84 years young today.

Claimed by his "backers" to be the oldest active bartender in the country, "Boney" still puts in a shift at the Sports Club, 1528 Cravens starting at 6 a.m. every morning.

Vurpillat was born in Logansport, Indiana in 1874 but soon left the "Hoosier" State and went to the "Big City" of Chicago where he was destined to become one of the nation's finest cloth designers. He followed his profession to Minneapolis, Milwaukee, and other Mid-west cities, until some 15 years ago when

falling eyesight forced his retirement.

"Boney" then came to California and has cultivated a tremendous following by his friendly, warm, and sincere personality. As he puts it, "You have to like people to be able to live a truly rich life." Yes, "Boney" has really had that "rich" life, if one's success is measured by the respect and admiration held by hundreds of true friends.

An avid follower of sports, particularly of football and boxing, Boney can keep one entertained for hours relating famous "Fights of the Century" and other sports events.

His friends have appropriately named Sunday, August 10th, as "Boney" Day and will celebrate it with a party.

Man Near Death After Stabbing With Cutlass

A burly, 220-pound man was near death in Harbor General Hospital Saturday morning after he was stabbed bull fighter style by an irate husband in a love triangle.

Harvey Norvel Tibbets, 27, Police said that when Tibbets, a former Torrance resident, returned home at approximately 7:45 a.m. Saturday, he found Thomas Keaveny, with his wife, Dorothy, 26, was booked in Torrance city jail on an open felony charge yesterday morning after he allegedly plunged a heavy saber through the throat and shoulder of a man he surprised at his home.

Sgt. T. O. Charles and Officer Pat McGowan said Tibbets met them at the door of his house at 138 S. Broadway, Redondo Beach, and said he was looking for a doctor.

Last Rites
Keaveny was rushed to Harbor General Hospital, bleeding profusely, and a priest was called shortly after his arrival there to administer last rites.

Tibbets, a lanky, mid-managed warehouseman, told arresting officers that he had just returned home after finishing his graveyard shift at the American Car Co. in Wilmington, when he saw the victim and his wife in the bedroom.

He dashed back to the dining room where he kept the saber, believed to be an old Navy weapon, and plunged it into Keaveny's throat and shoulder. The victim's right thumb was nearly severed when he attempted to grab the 30-inch long weapon.

Appears Concerned
A neighbor called police who rushed to the scene and found Tibbet appearing quite concerned over the condition of his stabbing victim.

Tibbets and his wife have two young children. The tots were to be brought to the Torrance police department for care by juvenile authorities.

While being booked, Tibbets, who stands six feet, four inches tall and weighs 155 pounds, calmly puffed a cigarette from a long cigarette holder. He was still in his working clothes and gave information freely to the booking officers.

DENY EXPENSE FUNDS
Expense money for two delegates to the California State Firemen's Association convention in Santa Barbara was denied by City Council on grounds that the city is not sponsoring the activity.

Tot Hurt In 2-Car Accident

A four-year-old tot suffered a brain concussion and fractured collar bone when she was thrown from an auto in a two car collision Thursday evening.

Tara Lee Murry, was hospitalized at Riviera Hospital, while her father, Vernon Gayle Murry, 32, of 19921 Hinsdale ave., driver of the car, and her brother, Dannie Ray, 9, escaped with minor injuries.

Police said the collision occurred when Murry was pulling out of the Carson Bowl Little League park at Henrietta st. north of Torrance Blvd.

Murry's car was struck by an auto driven by Gerald Leon Barlup, 16, of 14700 Watkins ave., Gardena, who was southbound on Henrietta.

Officers said that the youth, and his companions, two of whom were riding in the trunk of his car, were going to a movie. In another accident, Alice Saif, of 5131 Newton st., broke a tooth and cut her lip when her bicycle ramed into a parked car at 5308 Calle Mayor, police said.

Another bicyclist, Robert Charles Long, 16, of 21909 S. Main st., received injuries in a collision with an auto driven by Ray Neely, 45, of 1621 Iris ave., officers reported.

The accident occurred at Sonoma st. and Florwood ave.

Airport Zoning Studied

Zoning of Torrance Municipal Airport land will be done by the Planning Commission, the City Council decided.

The planners will be asked to enforce a new ordinance limiting the height of buildings in the approach zones.

O.K. TREE REMOVAL

Removal of four trees to build a Boy Scout building at Plaza del Amo and Carson st., was granted by the City Council, provided that the trees be replaced.

Downing Hits Vote Cost Tab

George Downing, slated for the ax as a Civil Service Commission member, said he intends to initiate action for a referendum vote within the next few weeks, and refuted Mayor Albert Isen's claim that the election will cost \$50,000.

Downing said the issue can be placed on a regular State or city election and does not require the expenditure of funds for a special election as Isen had said.

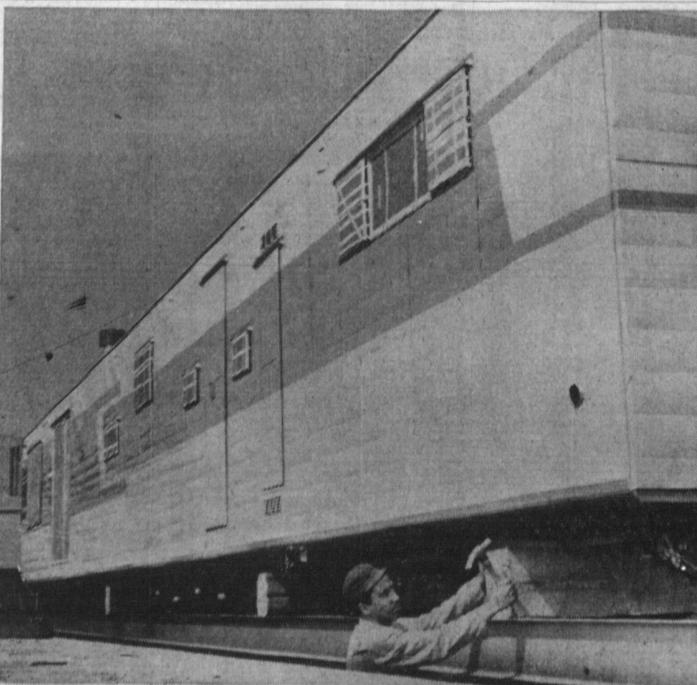
The commissioner would require approximately 1400 signatures to put the measure to a vote.

The proceedings would stop an ordinance change voted by the City Council to cut terms of the commission, from six to four years.

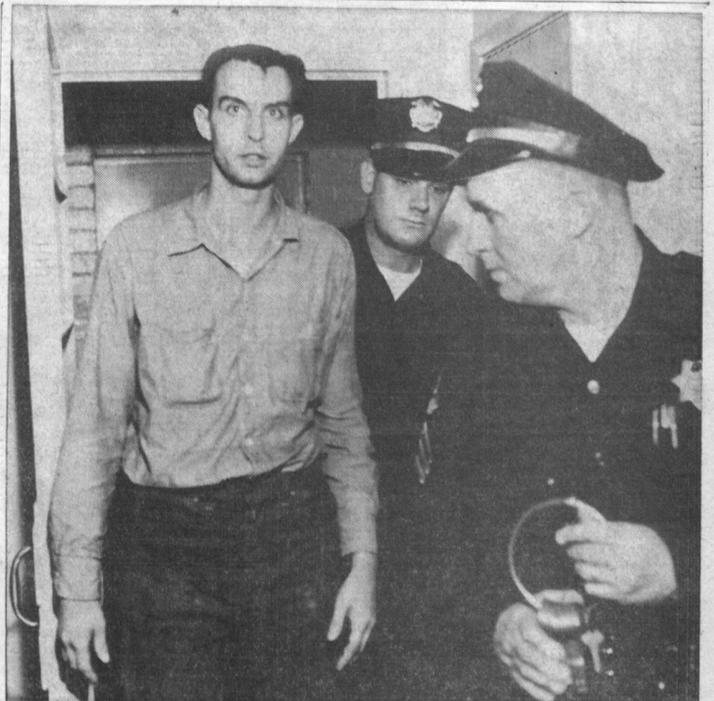
In the growing furor of politics in commission appointments, Downing claims that he will be stripped of his board post because he campaigned for Councilman Nicholas O. Dralle in the mayoral election.

Isen answered that he wants to make the length of all commission terms equal at four years, and that the provision for other changes in the law were made in conformance with the increase in the number of Council members.

The mayor said that the fourth majority requirement for commission appointments and removals, is unwieldy since the number of council members was raised from five to seven.



LONG LOADING PROBLEM—Longest trailer in the world, all 68 feet of it, is being loaded on flat car at Pacific Electric depot for shipment to White Sands, N. M. The home on wheels, which has 6500 feet of floor space and two bathrooms, was built by the Mayflower Trailer Co. of Torrance for Robert Morell, a U.S. official at the missile range.



ON WAY TO JAIL—Harvey Tibbets, 27, is Charles and Officer Pat McGowan following brought into Torrance city jail by Sgt. T. O. stabbing of a love rival.

Owners Protest Rezoning

Rezoning of an industrial tract for apartments was vigorously protested by spokesmen for the Chanlor Western Oil and Development Co., owners of the land.

The zone change measure was introduced by the Planning Commission to provide a buffer strip between heavy industry land and single family homes.

The land is bounded by Monterey and Jefferson sts., Crenshaw Blvd. and Maple ave.

Spokesman for the owners accused the city of a breach of faith in rezoning the property, claiming that the land under discussion was to be left for manufacturing purposes.

At one point during the first of two scheduled hearings, President Bert Lynn of the commission told the company's spokesmen that the rezoning is good planning.

"If you can bring a professional planner down here who considers it (the present zoning) good planning, I'll go to law school," Lynn told an attorney for Chanlor Western.

The second and final hearing before the commission will be held Aug. 20.



TRYING FOR GOODIES—Blindfolded girl attempts to break piñata with a stick during a Spanish program in El Nido Park this week, as others watch from safe distance. The piñata was finally cracked open after 45 minutes of trying and youngsters scrambled for candy which spilled out.

File Suit On Death Of Sailor

The widowed mother of a youth shot in a police chase, is seeking \$1,000,000 damages from Torrance and Redondo Beach in an action filed this week in Los Angeles Superior Court.

Mrs. Ruby Elizabeth Terry of Gardena, asserts that her son, Gerald, 19, was "wantonly and recklessly" killed by police last March 16.

The victim, a sailor on furlough, was shot when he abandoned his wrecked car and clambered up an embankment at Pacific Coast Highway and Roberts road.

Police officers from Redondo Beach and Torrance joined in the chase which at times reached speeds of 90 m.p.h. Police said that Terry had attempted to ram a police car and was endangering the lives of other motorists and pedestrians.

A coroner's jury cleared Officer William McCrory, Jr. of Redondo Beach, who fired the fatal bullet, of criminal responsibility.

Co-defendants with McCrory are Torrance officers Donald Hartel and Robert Hammond who participated in the chase but did not fire the fatal bullet.

Air Race Entry Data Available

Entries for the Airport Day air race to Palm Springs may be tentatively reserved by sending a post card to the Exchange Club of South Bay one week prior to the Sept. 6 event.

Only the first 30 aircraft to be entered may compete, according to rules set down by the sponsoring committee of the Chamber of Commerce.

Complete information may be obtained by writing to the Exchange Club, P.O. Box 140, Redondo Beach.

Torrance Charter Change Resolution Gets Support

Torrance's resolution urging changes in the county charter has received the endorsement of the Los Angeles Division of the League of California Cities.

The resolution approved by the Torrance City Council Tuesday, was presented to the board of directors of the State group by Mayor Albert Isen.

Charter changes proposed by a citizens committee, would increase the Board of Supervisors from five to 11 members and create a county manager's post on a non-civil service basis, among other recommendations.

Isen has urged greater representation on the county's governing board for some time.

"What we need is more supervisors and fewer field deputies," he said.

One representative at the meeting pointed out that each supervisory district now has a greater population than some Western States.

Other cities have been asked to approve the Torrance resolution.

Music Ban Law Before Council

An ordinance which will clamp a curtain of silence on music in public places between 2 and 6 a.m., was introduced by the City Council Tuesday.

The law prohibits both live and recorded music everywhere except in a person's home.

The ordinance will have the effect of stopping jam sessions at the Hollywood Riviera Club, Complaints of noise around the club area during the dawn hours, have been voiced to councilmen.

A similar law was introduced by Redondo Beach.